



Capital City Capers

The News Organ of the Capital City Squares

A Founding Member of the IAGSDC

Sum, Sum, Summertime!

IT TOOK A WHILE, but summer finally came to Sacramento. Until this last week it had been a rather cool summer for us— just 80s and 90s. May and June were cool and even wet.

The IAGSDC Convention in Seattle was, as expected, cool if not downright cold at times, although Prince Albert (s) got warm during the moonshine tip. Then Michael and I went to Palm Springs two weeks ago, and it was even cool (for them) there. It never got above 100. But last Monday, while dancing to Dick Houlton's A-2 in Tammy's patio, it felt as though summer was here. Sacramento was cooling down from a high of 105. (But it's a dry heat, we tell everybody!)

With the heat come plans for ending the square dancing year and gearing up for the new year beginning in September. Summer dancing continues for those who don't mind working up a sweat at The Silver Spur and Tammy's home. And this year's dance activities culminate in our 12th Anniversary dinner and dance on August 28. It should be a great time to celebrate our accomplishments this past year and reacquaint ourselves with former members of CCS who have been invited to celebrate with us. The theme is pearls, so look to see where Michael and I wear ours.

But the new year of square dancing is almost upon us. The New Members Hoedown is on September 11 and new Basic and Plus classes start the 14th. Ads have been placed in the local papers, and cards will be sent to those who expressed interest in us at the Lambda Freedom Fair in June and those whom we recruit at the Rainbow Festival on Sunday of Labor Day weekend. But the main recruiting tool we have is you, our Club members. Try to make a determined effort to persuade your non-square dancing friends to give us a try. And if you are close to some of our former members, encourage them to come back and join us.

Only through the recruitment of new dancers each fall can the Club continue to grow and flourish.

C'mon, Let's Dance!

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The CEO Speaks!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The new class year will soon be starting. That means we'll be looking for people to help with all the upcoming events, some planned, some not, YET. That's where YOU come in.

Dances: James has several planned with dates and callers but we need themes; if you have an idea, talk to a Board member.

Decorations: Those dances need that special touch. If you have an idea, let us know.

Refreshments/water/soda: If you're able and willing to bring the water or sodas on class nights or sub now and then, talk to us.

Cakes: If your talents lie in the kitchen, impress us. Lola did a great job this last year with the birthday cakes and I'm sure some of us are a few pounds heavier to prove it.

Shirts: We'll be looking for volunteers to help come up with some designs for a new official club shirt.


And the ever popular Misc: Phone trees, set-up and clean-up crews, booths, archangels, someone to be in charge of demonstration dancing at special events, fairs etc. Fund raisers, pool parties, dessert parties,

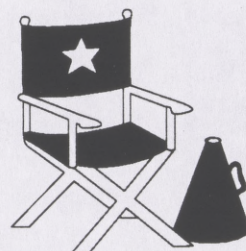
anything—you know who to talk to.

This is your club and it's only as good as you would like it to be, so give a hand (Before I Ask you).

A BIG THANK YOU to Larry and Pete for the use of THE SILVER SPUR. We've danced there the last two sessions, and everyone seems to be having a great time. There's line dancing and two stepping in between tips, and the patrons have a great time watching us (so far two new recruits). The dance floor is great and there is plenty of room, so hopefully we'll see more of you there. Again thanks Larry and Pete.

P.S. Congratulations to Prime 8's on their yard sale, great job, James, for all the work setting it up and to everyone who worked it: George, Rick, Jeff, Dennis, Sonya, Stan, and Bill. Had lots of fun.

 Kas



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Club Dues: \$10 a month
Due by the 15th of the month
Membership Fee: \$30 a year
Due in January

Capital City Squares Board of Directors

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Instructor
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Joy TeSelle,
Club History

July 27, 1993

MEMBERS PRESENT were: Kas, George, James, Rick, Bill, Jeff, Dennis, and Heidi.


1st Topic: Jeff announced that as of September 7, Natomas School District has granted CCS the Jefferson Elementary School site again for our Tuesday night classes. The contract is set from September 1993 through June 1994 at a cost of \$387. It was agreed by the board that of the various payment options, quarterly best suited our needs and honored the rental agreement. (It was also agreed that September 7th would be dropped, since the new classes begin the 14th.)

2nd Topic: There was open discussion amongst the members present pertaining to our summer dance schedule at the Silver Spur. Everyone agreed that it has been a very comfortable and enjoyable experience for those people participating in the dancing there. THANKS Pete and Larry! There was further discussion concerning the use of the Silver Spur as an alternate site when Jefferson School is unavailable on a Tuesday night because of school preemption of the site. Because the Silver Spur dance floor may not hold more than five or so squares and our instructors using their equipment and because there is the possibility of other bookings at the Spur since the Club will normally be at Jefferson School, it was decided that while the Silver Spur is a wonderful place to dance, the Board will not preclude the option of other sites during the year.

3rd Topic: George presented a summary of topics discussed at the

IAGSDC Board meeting in Seattle. One topic of particular interest is the change in dues structure effective immediately: a one time assessment of \$3 per active member per club has been assessed to each club, due "before the end of the year" to generate immediate funds for the IAGSDC, and a \$2 per active member per year as of January.

1994. James felt that as "a sign of good faith" it would be a good idea to send in the assessment immediately, before the club receives a bill. George mentioned the possibility of "over payment" and whether there would be reimbursement of the difference if the club sent the money now. A major concern of the Board is what the generated funds will be used for. George's opinion was that evidently, the IAGSDC executive board does not have to obtain prior consent for monetary distribution of expenses, only an explanation/justification after the fact. (One such action was the outreach program initiated at the recent straight National Convention to increase the acceptance of gay square dancing in the straight world. Expenses evidently covered ranged from space rental and advertising to printing costs.) While there is not an accusation of misuse of funds at all, there was a concern about appropriate expenditures. Many opinions were "aired" during this discussion, ranging from who should be considered an "active" member and "taxation without equivalent representation," to directing the fees collected back into gay/lesbian organizations. A decision was made amongst the board members present (2 to 1 in favor) to send the IAGSDC a partial payment now of \$100 in good faith. Bill stated that with the assessment, the club should also request the remittance by the IAGSDC of a financial report



August Board Minutes

(quarterly) and what, according to the IAGSDC the current active membership of Capital City Squares is. This will be done.

4th Topic: In conjunction with the above, it was reported that as of 23 June 1993, the club treasury stands at \$2087.81. This does not include any deposits or withdrawals (checks) after that date.

5th Topic: Kas inquired about the progress of the business cards. Bill stated that the separations are done and ready for Tammy for printing, with 500 being the minimum (increased amount based on price.)

6th Topic: James reported that the garage sale for this coming Sat (7/31) is coming together nicely. THANKS to all members involved for donations, volunteering your time (typist's note—and trucks!) and especially to James for co-organizing the event with the Sac'to Men's Chorus.

7th Topic: George displayed a rough draft design of the CCS panel to be created for the AIDS Quilt. The design includes two 3'x6' panels sewn together, with both the old and new club logos, each deceased member's name and

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Coming Events

✱ signifies an ostensibly "straight" event

August

- 12-14 ✱ American Advanced & Challenge Convention, Toledo, OH.
- 13-15 ✱ PACE Advanced & Challenge Weekend (Darryl Lipscomb), Hayward, CA.
- 13-15 Great Plains Gay Rodeo, Wichita, KS.
- 13-15 Leather Weekend, Guerneville, CA.
- 14 Bon Voyage Dance for Pink Triangles in Red Square (Andy Shore), St. Paulus Church, San Francisco, CA.
- 16-30 "Pink Triangles in Red Square," FCD Square Dance Trip to Russia.
- 20-22 Western Weekend, Guerneville, CA.
- 28 12th Anniversary Dance (Bill Eyler), CCS, Sacramento, CA.
- 29 Advanced Dance (Bill Eyler), Midnight Squares, 4-6:30 P.M., Live Oak School, San Francisco, CA.
- ✱ August 20-September 6—California State Fair, Square Dancing every night, 7-8 P.M., Cal Expo, Sacramento, CA.

September

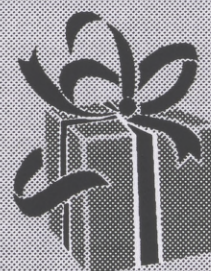
- 3-6 "Great Chicago Crossfire V" Fly-In (Sparky Sparks & Sandra Bryant), Chi-Town Squares, Chicago, IL.
- 3-5 Great Plains Gay Rodeo, Kansas City, MO.
- 3-5 Zia Regional Gay Rodeo, Albuquerque, NM.
- 5 Rainbow Festival Street Fair, Sacramento, CA.
- 10-12 ✱ PACE Advanced & Challenge Weekend (Anne Uebelacker), Hayward, CA.
- 10-12 Northwest Gay Rodeo, Seattle, WA.
- 11 CCS New Members Hoedown (Andy Shore), Sacramento, CA.
- 11 FCD Barn Dance (Vic Kaaria), S.F. Peninsula, CA.
- 11 Advanced Dance (Anne Uebelacker), Midnight Squares, 7:30-10:30 P.M., Live Oak School, San Francisco, CA.
- 24 30th Anniversary Bradley Family Holiday (Oi Vey!).
- 23-26 Golden State Gay Rodeo, San Diego, CA.
- 24-26 Pikes Peak Gay Rodeo, Colorado Springs, CO.
- 25 WSD Dance (Caller TBA), St. Paulus Church, San Francisco, CA.
- 26 Folsom Street Fair, San Francisco, CA.

October

- 1-3 "4th Gay Advanced & Challenge Weekend" Fly-In (Anne Uebelacker, Todd Fellegly, Chris Phillips, others), Portland, OR.
- 1-3 Atlantic Stampede Gay Rodeo, Washington, D.C.
- 1-3 Washington D.C. Fly-In (Mike Jacobs), Lambda D.C. Squares, Washington, D.C.
- 1-3 ✱ PACE Weekend (John Sybalsky), East Bay, CA.
- 3 Castro Street Fair, San Francisco, CA.
- 8-11 "Load the Boat III" Fly-In (Paul Waters), Cleveland, OH.
- 8-10 "Chase the Chili" Fly-In (Ray Brendzy), Albuquerque, NM.
- 11 National Coming Out Day
- 16 CCS Dance (Caller TBA), Sacramento, CA.
- 21-24 IGRA Finals Rodeo, Ft Worth, TX.
- 22-24 Camp Caz Retreat (Nate Bliss & Terry Kephardt), WSD, Way above the Russian River, CA.
- 29-31 "Peel the Pumpkin" Fly-In (Mike Jacobs, Betsy Gotta), Times Squares, New York, NY.
- 29-31 Seattle Fly-In (Anne Uebelacker & Andy Shore), Puddletown, Seattle, WA.

August Birthdays

- 2 Michael Ferguson
- 2 Charles Peer
- 7 Clara Ronnerud
- 9 Marc Dinnauer
- 15 David Thomas
- 16 Stuart Lauters
- 25 Glenn Adamski
- 28 Norm Earle



Coming Events

November

- 5-7 Palm Springs Gay Rodeo, Palm Springs, CA.
- 6 FCD Anniversary Dance, S.F., CA.
- 7 Advanced Dance (Mike DeSisto), Midnight Squares, San Francisco, CA.
- 14 1996 Convention Benefitt, San Francisco Eagle, San Francisco, CA.
- 19-20 Texas Gay Rodeo, San Antonio, TX.
- 20 CCS Dance (Roger Loney), Sacramento, CA.
- 26-28 * PACE Extravaganza (Dave Hodson, Lee Kopman, Ross Howell, & Lynette McNeil), Oxnard, CA.

December

- 1 World AIDS Awareness Day, Many Cities.
- 3-5 Annual Fly-In (Saundra Bryant & Ray Brendzy) Squares Across the Border, Vancouver, BC.
- 3-5 "Chase Right '93," Palace Station Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV.

1994

January

- 14-16 "Swing Thru Arizona" Fly-In, Desert Valley Squares, Phoenix, AZ

February

- 12 CCS Workshops & Dance (Jet Roberts), Sacramento, CA.
- 15 CCS Club Night (Ron Libby), Sacramento, CA.
- 18-20 "Star Thru L.A." Fly-In, Tinseltown Squares, Los Angeles, CA.

April

- 8-10 "Pass the Sea" Fly-In, Finest City Squares, San Diego, CA.
- 11-13 * Callerlab Annual Convention, Vancouver, BC.
- 15-17 CCS Fly-In, Guerneville, CA.



June

- 16-18 * 28th National Advanced & Challenge Convention, Virginia Beach, VA.
- 18-25 Gay Games IV "Unity '94," New York City, NY.
- 22-25 * 43rd National Square Dance Convention, Portland, OR.
- 25-30 "Chain Down the Northeast," a series of dances up and down the East Coast, culminating in Washington, DC, at "Stars & Squares Forever."
- 26 Stonewall 25, United Nations Building, New York City, NY.

July

- 1-4 "Stars and Squares Forever," 11th Annual IAGSDC Convention, Washington, D.C.

October

- 7-9 "Tahoe Tally Ho," South Lake Tahoe, CA.

Local Contacts:

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FCD Foggy City Dancers

Allan (415) 863-8033 Ken (415) 821-0417

MS Midnight Squares

Roger (415) 664-0513 Claire (415) 861-1979

ECR El Camino Reelers

Dave (408) 241-5813 Randy (415) 961-7504

DD Diablo Dancers

Art (510) 724-7365

SOW Sequoia Ocean Waves

Mary Ann & Lyn (707) 444-2775

* PACE

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* TNT's

Stan & Bill (916) 929-8828

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birth/death dates in a square, interlocked and incorporating the rainbow on a "teal" background. Nice design, George!! [typist's note: I knew my art background would rub off eventually!—as opposed to wiped off?]

8th Topic: James announced that the flyers advertising the CCS 12th Anniversary dinner/dance set for August 28th are distributed and that there is a lot of positive feedback, both locally and from out of town clubs. Pending cost, dangles may be created and possibly napkins with the CCS logo on them. Kas stated he has already been shopping for pearls. SMC has volunteered to set up and clean up for this event, including manning the bar (Larry and Pete (Silver Spur) cannot man the bar under their license), with any proceeds to go to the SMC treasury. This "volunteerism" is in thanks for our participating in their events (as well as the hand of friendship!). A song or two from the chorus in not out of the realm of possibility.

9th Topic: George discussed the CCS Fly-In scheduled for April at Guerneville. He mentioned that the cost of the Vet's Hall has gone up to \$20/hr (from \$15), with the deposit jumping to \$200. The deposit will be sent by about the 10th of August, and an extra room or two in the building also reserved for an extra \$10/hr. Jeff and Dennis have graciously offered to research caller availability for this event, which will be expanded to include a second caller and advanced level dancing. They will report back at the next board meeting. George also mentioned that there may be platform rental through Sonoma County to elevate the callers above

the dance floor and for only \$15/day! He will pursue this.


10th Topic: Del Powell did not attend the Caller Lab workshops at convention this year, so the registration fee for that was not sent (see previous meeting.)

11th Topic: The demonstration squares at last year's Rainbow Festival were very well received. Discussion of a repeat performance this year in the tent at Faces ended in Kas agreeing to check into this possibility. There is also the very real opportunity to have demo squares at Silver Spur more than once before the new class starts. [Typists note: the deposit for the booth space at the Rainbow Festival has been sent.]

12th Topic: The club received a bill from Foggy City Dancers for its portion of the money spent at the year's Gay Pride Parade in S.F. A check (with a letter of response) will be returned to FCD as agreed to with a FCD representative at our June 6th Dance.

13th Topic: Jeff submitted a request to the board concerning the initiation of a Challenge level class starting in the near future, probably at American Lakes School (Natomas District) on Wednesdays, and to be run under the CCS, LTD. umbrella. The board discussed and accepted in principal this proposal. Once final plans for this class are set, a final decision will be rendered.

FINAL TOPIC: The next Board meeting is set for AUGUST 25TH, AT 7 PM AT BILL, MICHAEL, AND HEIDI'S.


 Rick [and you know who]

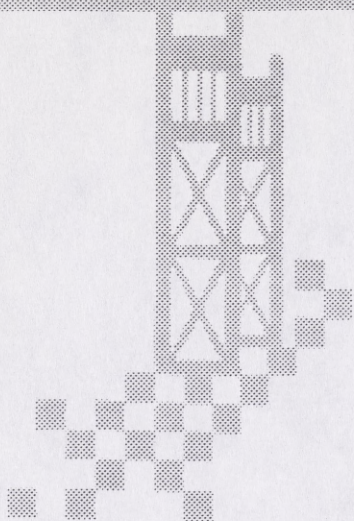
Prime 8's Corner

IT IS THE TIME of year again for the Prime 8's to make some operating decisions. Some issues which need to be resolved are the following:

1. What Dance location will we use for the coming year? (We have Jefferson School reserved every Monday from 7:00pm until 9:30pm starting September 6 through June, at the cost of approximately \$32.25 per month.)
2. Will we continue with Dick Houlton, use tapes, or perhaps some combination? (We currently pay Dick \$75.00 per night.)
3. If we decide to use tapes, how will we share the responsibility of bringing the tape player on dance night, running the tape machine, selecting the tapes, etc. so that no one person is burdened with responsibility/abuse?
4. Will there be a new class this year? Or perhaps in early 1994?
5. What will the dues/dance fees be?
6. Does Prime 8's need a more formal structure? (For instance, do we need a CEO, board of directors, and/or President?)

If you are interested in any of these issues, please be present at Tammy Coddington's on August 9. We will have a general meeting at the end of the (probably shortened) dance session to discuss these topics and any other related issues.

 Jeff Barlow



The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt—Sacramento Display

A COMMITTEE to bring a portion of The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt to Sacramento has been formed. The display is scheduled for September 24, 25, & 26, 1993, at the Sacramento Convention Center.

The goals of this display is to provide a setting in which people may learn about HIV/AIDS, funding for community agencies providing care to people living with HIV, and a safe environment for people to recognize and remember those who have died from this epidemic.

The focus of this display is "A Personal Journey." Panels will be specifically brought in from the Sacramento area.

We need volunteers who would like to participate at a committee level as well as the display itself. Please contact Tim Chamberlain at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation 448-2437.

We need people who can help with our fund raising efforts. Talk to your employer and ask if your company would like to become a sponsor. Have them contact Michael Campbell at CARES (443-3299).

Please consider making a donation.. Your financial support is needed to help finance this display. One hundred percent of your donation will directly support the Sacramento display. Send donations to The NAMES Project—Sacramento, P.O. Box 160263, Sacramento, CA 95816.

By becoming involved, you are stating in a very tangible way, your commitment to our community and the local agencies who serve those living with this disease. The time to act is now.

☛ The NAMES Project

A Quilting We Will Go...

THE AIDS Memorial Quilt I am putting together is coming along nicely. There have been a few changes and/or additions to the design since the board meeting (see meeting minutes), including the addition of the city and state (Sacramento, CA), as it would be nice to know where it came from, and the addition of the Prime 8's logo. This latter addition came about due to the realization that several of the members to be included in the quilt were members of both clubs (though to the best of our knowledge this did not add any more names). If you are aware of names that we have not included, we need

to know NOW! Please contact James on this.

With the exception of a few minor adjustments, I believe the design is now set. I have already purchased most of the materials to be used, but have not yet finalized such things as how to transfer the names to fabric. Any ideas on this would be appreciated (though I have received good ones as from as far away as Wash. DC). I do thank all of you who have helped and expressed a desire to help thus far. Since the tough part (construction) is yet to happen, I will likely use some of the help offered...

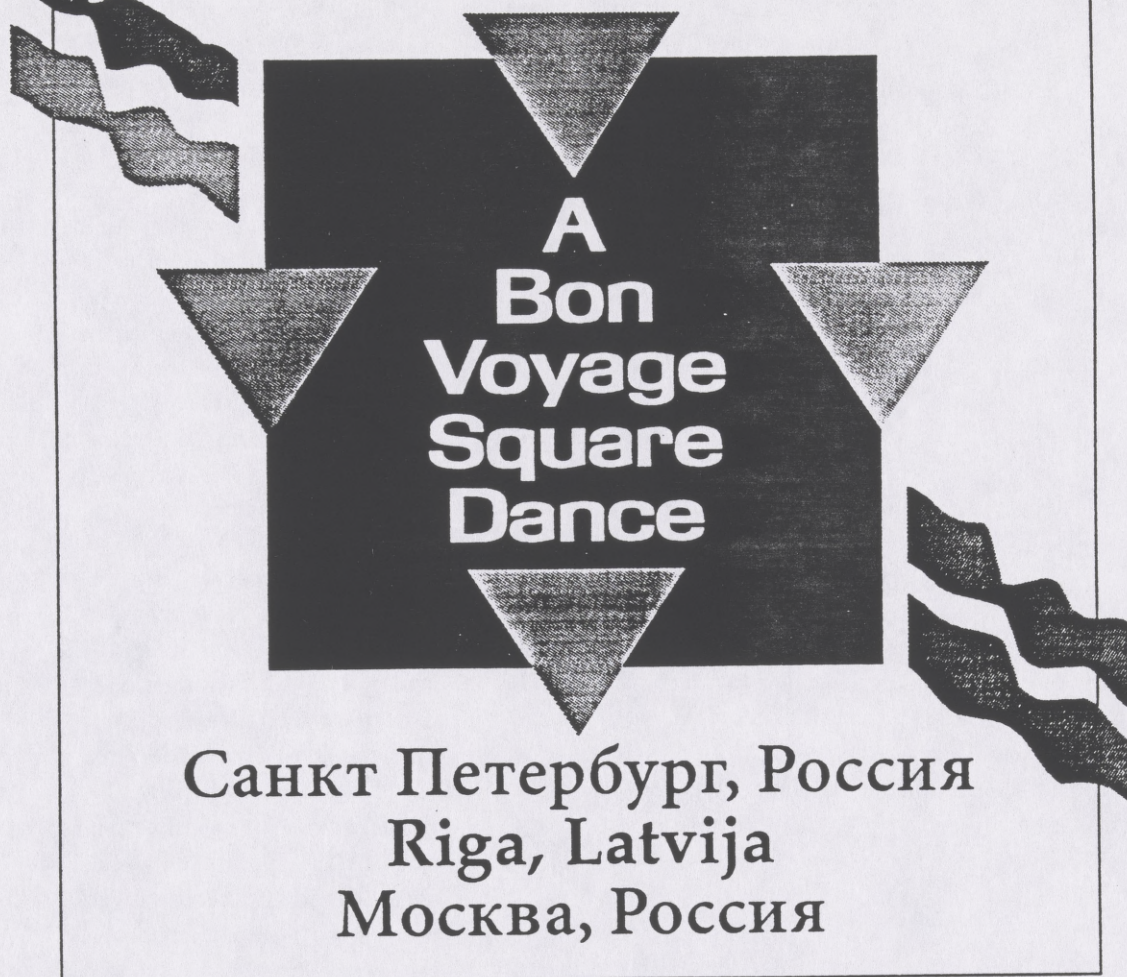
One of the nicest experiences on this came during the purchase of materials. While I was in Fabric-land, not only did several of the clerks have good ideas, but a very nice woman took an interest in what I was doing, especially after I explained the Names Project, and offered several points and wished me (us) good fortune. It was very nice. Already I have many pleasant experiences, and I haven't placed a stitch yet!

In the midst of this overwhelming tragedy, this kind of support makes me "teary-eyed." Needless to say (but, as usual, I will), I am having lots of "warm, fuzzy feelings" in the context of this memorial. My thanks to all who have done that!

☛ George



Pink Triangles in Red Square



Join IAGSDC dancers
from all across the USA
and caller Andy Shore
as we celebrate our departure
for Russia and Latvia two days later

Saturday, August 14
7:30-9:30pm \$5
St. Paulus Church Hall
Gough at Eddy in San Francisco

Capital City Squares

celebrates its
Pearl (12th) Anniversary

with an Italian Buffet Dinner
and Square Dance

Featuring Bill Eyler
of Albuquerque, New Mexico

Saturday, August 28, 1993
Congregation B'nai Israel

Air Conditioned

Social Hall

3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento

***Please - Soft Soled Shoes
and Proper Accoutrements Only***

Social Hour - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Dancing 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.

Mainstream and Plus Levels

\$15 Per Person

(\$ 10 Dinner Only)

(\$ 8 Dance Only)

Upcoming Events:
New Dancer Hoedown
with Andy Shore
September 11, 1993


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


C'mon . . . Let's Dance!

Founding Member
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A Lesbian & Gay Association

Detach & Mail 

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Dinner reservations required in advance for catering count. Due Date: **August 14, 1993**
Make checks out and mail to: Capital City Squares, P.O. Box 19986, Sacramento, CA 95819
For more information or directions, call James Ozanich at 916-925-4242.

Yes! Count me in for the festivities on Saturday, August 28, 1993, in celebration of the CCS Pearl Anniversary!

NAME(S): _____ ☐ x Dinner/Dance (\$15) = _____
ADDRESS: _____ ☐ x Dinner Only (\$10) = _____
PHONE: _____ ☐ x Dance Only (\$ 8) = _____
CLUB: _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____
☐ Check here if you would prefer a vegetarian dish.

Capital City Squares Summer Dancing Schedule

CCS Dancing at the The Silver Spur, 28th & Broadway, Sacramento, 7:00–9:00 P.M.:
August 10 & 24

Prime 8”s Dancing at Tammy’s, 1331 Munger Way, Sacramento, 7:00–9:00 P.M.:
August 2, 9 & 23

Special Meeting for Prim 8’s Members, August 2

Hoedowns:

August 28—12th Anniversary Dinner & Dance

September 11—New members Hoedown

New Basic and Plus Classes—The Jefferson School, 6:30–9:30 P.M.
September 14



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Stamp